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SUBJECT: TAMPA TRADE MISSION TO NICARAGUA TO EXPLORE SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH GRANADA

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- 1. EMBASSY HAD HEARD NOTHING MORE ABOUT PROPOSED VISIT OF TAMPA BUSINESSMEN TO NICARAGUA SINCE REFTELS LAST SUMMER. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO SEPTEMBER 22 EDITION OF GREATER TAMPA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PUBLICATION, "THE REPORTER", CHAIRMAN OF TAMPA WORLD TRADE COUNCIL, LUCIUS M. DYAL, JR., HAS ANNOUNCED THAT "COUNCIL IS CURRENTLY PLANNING A TRADE PROMOTIONAL MISSION TO GRANADA AND MANAGUA." ARTICLE ADDS THAT TENTATIVE DATES FOR VISIT ARE OCTOBER 14-19, AND THAT "THE SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE WILL EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF AN AFFILIATION IWHT THE CITY OF GRANADA DURING THIS TRIP."
- 2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF TRIP AND NOTIFICATION FROM USDOC WHETHER THE MISSION IS IOGA (INDUSTRY-ORGANIZED, GOVERNMENT-APPROVED). EMBASSY'S ECONOMIC-COMMERCIAL SECTION PREPARED TO OFFER FULL COOPERATION TO TAMPA TRADE MISSION TO THE EXTENT OF ITS LIMITED RESOURCES. GIVEN SHORTNESS OF TIME BEFORE SCHEDULED VISIST, INFORMATION ABOUT MAKE-UP OF MISSION AND ITS DESIRES IS URGENTLY SOLICITED. SUGGEST THAT GROUP MAY WISH TO TELEPHONE EMBASSY (MANAGUA 23881) REGARDING ANY LAST MINUTE DETAILS. EMBASSY CONTACTS ARE JAY FRERES, CHIEF OF ECONOMIC-COMMERCIAL SECTION AND HENDRIK VAN DEN BERG, COMMERCIAL OFFICER. THEBERGE

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